

Senator Toni Harp  
Appropriations Committee Co-chair  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear representative Toni Harp,

My name is Ashley Hayes and I am a senior in the Wamogo Regional High School agriscience program in Litchfield. I live in Bantam and attend this regional agriscience school choice program because I have always looked forward to be given opportunities in animal science for future colleges and careers. This school is great in teaching me the essentials needed to help me get ahead. I go to this school because it gives me plenty of learning experiences. I plan to have a future in veterinary technology and this school has been a great help in working towards this goal. I already volunteer at White Memorial Conservation Center to help take care of animals and I absolutely love it. I am also involved with the FFA in which I help with particular events, many that include animals, and this will also help me achieve my future career.

I am writing this letter to encourage you to please urge the Appropriations Committee to pledge 9 million dollars of the school choice funding increases proposed in the Governor's budget to the state's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs.

Our agriscience programs have been drastically underfunded for over 20 years as compared to the magnet schools, charter schools, vocational schools, and other school choice funding programs. (Please see attached flyer with details.)

This will allow hundreds of more students like me to enroll in these successful programs so they will have the same positive experience I am having now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Ashley Hayes